## IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) [[The]] A connecting element for an electric motor, in particular for an electric motor [[(1)]] of a fuel feed unit of a motor vehicle, having at least one connecting contact~~s~~ for connecting the electric motor to a power source, and having two carbon brushes of the electric motor, a ~~molded~~ an electrically conductive fabricated component ~~(7, 7a) which has at least one of the~~ having connecting contacts ~~(6, 6a)~~ fabricated integrally therewith being arranged in a receptacle, characterized in that the ~~molded~~ fabricated component ~~(7, 7a)~~ forms a premountable structural unit with a guide [[(9)]] for the carbon brushes~~(10, 10a)~~.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The connecting element as claimed in claim 1 [[or 2]], characterized in that the ~~molded~~ fabricated component ~~(7, 7a)~~ is~~ fabricated from~~ constructed of sheet metal~~,~~ ~~preferably from sheet steel~~ or electrically conductive plastic.

4. (currently amended) ~~The connecting element as defined in claim 1, wherein the molded component (7, 7a) has a clip (17, 18)~~ A connecting element for an electric motor, in particular for an electric motor of a fuel feed unit of a motor vehicle having at least one connecting contact for connecting the electric motor to a power source, and having two carbon brushes of the electric motor comprising a fabricated component constructed of sheet metal or electrically conductive plastic, wherein the component defines a single unit for holding the carbon brushes and wherein the component includes connecting contacts that are fabricated integrally therewith; and a clip mounted on the fabricated component for clamping connecting lines ~~(15, 16)~~ of electronic components ~~(13, 14)~~ and the carbon brushes~~(10, 10a)~~.

5. (currently amended) The connecting element as defined in claim 4, wherein the clip ~~(17, 18)~~ is embodied as a plastically deformable tongue ~~(19, 20)~~ which is fabricated in one piece with the sheet metal of the ~~molded~~ fabricated component ~~(7, 7a)~~.

6. (currently amended) The connecting element as defined in claim ~~1~~ 4, wherein the ~~molded~~ fabricated component ~~(7, 7a)~~ has a securing element ~~(11)~~ for supporting a spring element which prestresses the carbon brush ~~(10, 10a)~~.

7. (currently amended) The connecting element as defined in claim 6, wherein the spring element is embodied as a torsion spring ~~(12)~~.

8. (currently amended) The connecting element as defined in claim 4, wherein two structural units of the ~~molded~~ fabricated components ~~(7, 7a)~~ each with one of the connecting contacts ~~(6, 6a)~~ of the electric motor ~~(1)~~ are interconnected by a capacitor.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) The connecting element as defined in claim ~~1~~ 4, wherein the ~~molded~~ fabricated component ~~(7, 7a)~~ has latching means ~~(22)~~ for attachment in a mounting receptacle ~~(8)~~.